

Troilus

(4th - 5th Centuries)

BRIEFING

Troilus (Ancient Greek: Τρωῖλος, Τρώϊλος; second half of the 4th century – first half of the 5th century) is an outstanding public figure, philosopher, teacher of sophistry, writer, politician.

BIOGRAPHY

Troilus was born in Pamphylia, in the city of Side. Troilus was a relative of the writer and historian Philip of Side. At the end of the 4th or the beginning of the 5th century, Troilus moved to Constantinople. In the capital, Troilus was a most authoritative philosopher and person, he headed the school of sophists, many famous people studied under him. The regent and de facto ruler of the Eastern Roman Empire, the prefect Anthemius, was a very intelligent man, as the historian Socrates Scholasticus writes, did nothing rashly, but consulted especially with the sophist Troilus, who, with his wisdom, was not inferior to Anthemius in knowledge of public affairs. For this reason, Anthemius acted on Troilus's advice in almost everything. Troilus's students include: Eusebius Scholasticus; the rhetorician Ablavius, later bishop of the Nicene - Novatian Church and who taught sophists in it; the rhetorician Silvanus, later Bishop of Philippopolis, and still later Bishop of Troas.

The Court reports that Troilus wrote political speeches and letters, which were published in 7 books. None of Troilus's writings have survived.